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NATIONAL

## Low tuition a must, new survey says

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New America, a think tank in Washington D.C., conducted a survey of 800 Democrats, Republicans and Independents which showed Americans believe higher education is “necessary but expensive.” Sixty-eight percent of respondents agreed the government couldn’t afford to provide free tuition at public colleges right now.

Professional    interviewers

conducted the survey from Sept. 20–Oct. 3. All respondents were assumed to be prospective voters in the upcoming presidential election.

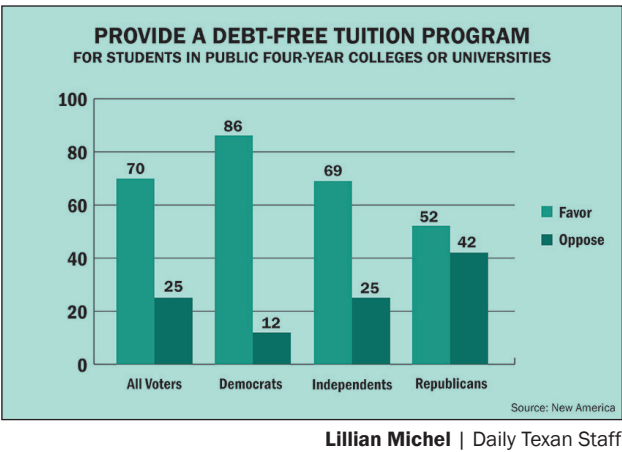
Giorgia Shields, a women’s and gender studies graduate student, said the federal government needs to make college more affordable because working today while in school can’t cover the cost of tuition. Shields said Clinton’s college plan is a step in the right direction.

“[Making college affordable]

is necessary to the continuation of the United States as any kind of successful nation,” Shields said.

Michaela Lavelle, psychology freshman, said raising taxes to fund tuition costs is necessary.

“I think because the bachelor’s degree is currently slightly obsolete as far as getting a job goes, that college should be more affordable because [for] the majority you



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CITY

## Community leaders host Front Porch Gathering

**By Will Clark**  
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Monica Guzmán grew up thinking if she needed help she could go to anyone in uniform. Now, she said, that’s not the case.

In an effort to collaborate with Austin communities, UT’s Division of Diversity and Community Engagement created the Front Porch Gathering series, which on Tuesday night addressed issues surrounding law enforcement and community engagement.

“I’m not in favor of abolishing the police department, but I’m also not happy with the way things are now,” said Guzmán, a co-chair of the Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team, a neighborhood revitalization project. “It needs to change.”

Students, community leaders and a police officer came together to generate ideas and solutions. Rafael Kianes, an APD community police officer, said the department has taken steps to come up with innovative solutions to long-term problems.

“When we have complicated problems, we’re going to need complicated solutions,” Kianes said. “There’s not just one thing you can do that can just fix everything. We talk about community, we talk about policing. This isn’t just one thing, there isn’t just one community.”

Gay Thomas, a complaint

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CITY

## Adler advocates for mobility bond at UT

**By Paul Cobler**  
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Mayor Steve Adler said the UT student body can swing the vote in favor of the Smart Corridor Plan while speaking at the Student Government general assembly meeting Tuesday.

The plan, a \$720 million bond to improve mobility in Austin, will be voted on in November. Adler attended the SG assembly hoping to gather student support for the plan.

“I remember really well the stories, just before I came to Austin, the students at the University of Texas decided the city elections,” Adler said. “It was this huge moment where the student body voted in huge numbers and decided the council members and the mayor for the City of Austin. I romanticize that time.”

Adler told the assembly that traffic is an issue Austin has chosen not to fix as



**Jenan Taha | Daily Texan Staff**

Mayor Steve Adler spoke to student government members about his plan to improve city mobility. Adler encouraged UT students to vote in favor of the plan.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## SG, Senate advance legislation improving access to class info

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Registration proves to be one of the most stressful times of the school year for many students, and Student Government and the Senate of College Councils are trying to ease the strain on their constituents.

On Tuesday, SG passed a joint resolution in support of adding a tab to the UT registration web page allowing students to view past syllabi for classes. The resolution addresses an issue resolution author Jonathan Dror said he has always dealt with when registering at UT.

“As a freshman, that was when I first discovered the process is very difficult,” said Dror, the SG external finance director. “I’ve yet to meet a student that loves



**Jenan Taha | Daily Texan Staff**

SG external finance director Jonathan Dror discusses his resolution to add a new feature to the class registration website.

every aspect of registration. Whether you have to wake up early or join a waitlist — it’s just a lot, and I think it can benefit every student on campus.”

By adding the tab, Dror said he hopes to cut down on the number of individual pages students need

to have open during the registration process. Past syllabi for courses were previously available, just hard to access for students, Dror said.

The resolution is a joint resolution between SG and

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CAMPUS

## Students consider new tools to plan for spring registration

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Following the Sept. 30 closure of MyEdu, a popular online registration planning tool, students are searching for alternative methods to plan their schedules for the Spring 2017 semester.

Leo Angulo, a biology and public health sophomore, said the site’s closure has taken a valuable resource from students.

“I was a little distraught and frustrated [about the site closing],” Angulo said. “It’s something I really depended on to plan out my schedule.”

To fill the void left by MyEdu’s closure, students are using alternate websites such as ClassPoint and Coursele to plan their schedules.

ClassPoint was created by UT alumnus Ari Schulman when he was a student

in 2007. The registration tool served approximately 2000 users each year until MyEdu gained popularity, Schulman said.

“[Usage] dropped off pretty steeply after that,” Schulman said. “Since 2012, it was in the three digits of people still using it at UT, which was enough that I contemplated shutting it down.”

Schulman said he has noticed a recent resurgence in activity on the site, with over 1400 sign-ups in the past week alone.

“It’s now back up at or possibly above the levels of usage it had when it first launched,” Schulman said.

The site’s schedule planner, similar to MyEdu’s, includes all of the information available on the UT course schedule and additional resources such as discussion boards and professor reviews.

“We thought [UT] would be a good school to reach out to so students would have some sort of alternative instead of... having to go back to Excel or paper.”

—Tara Aida  
Founder

Taylor Schaefer, radio-television-film sophomore, said she used ClassPoint and found it to be similar to MyEdu.

“I think mostly I was looking for something that had the UT classes uploaded in it, so

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Journalism junior Maleeha Syed and RTF junior Ilana Mittleman prepare for their Halloween segment of Texas Student Television's "The Xclusive."

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a city and criticized the “do nothing” voices in Austin preventing progress from being made.

“The thing that’s going to hold Austin back is mobility,” Adler said. “If people can’t get around the city, then the city will die as we know it. We will lose the spirit and soul of this city, and we will lose the diversity of this city.”

After Adler spoke, a resolution in support of the bond was introduced to the assembly for its first reading.

Davey Bemporad, the co-director for SG City Relations, said the bond must be supported by SG because it is the best thing for students.

“Students need to have safe roads around campus,” Bemporad said. “So many students ride bikes, ride the bus and walk around campus and without newer, safer systems, we will have an un-

safe campus. We are doing what is by far the best thing for students. It’s very cost effective for what it’s trying to do for students and without a doubt Student Government should come out and support it.”

SG Assembly Speaker Santiago Rosales said Adler attending meetings allows for students to have a greater understanding of what the city is doing for them.

“For the last three years, the mayor has come to the

student government meetings to talk to students about issues that matter to them, and to shed some light onto what the city is doing in general, and what they’re doing for students specifically,” Rosales said. “It’s a conversation about what can be done to make students’ experience in Austin better.”

Assembly members will vote on whether to support the November mobility bond at their meeting next Tuesday.

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need a higher degree than that,” Lavelle said. “By raising taxes [to fund the plan] you are investing in the future of America.”

No matter their political ideology, 85 percent of respondents to the survey believed it was getting harder for students to afford college tuition, and 70 percent believed students should have the opportunity to go to college debt-free.

The affordability of college is something both the Democratic and Republican Parties have addressed during the current presidential race. Clinton released and outline of her plan over the summer. Trump has yet to release a detailed plan, although he has made comments at rallies addressing the need for reform of the federal loan repayment program.

The main talking point of Clinton’s higher education plan is to provide free tuition for families who make under \$85,000 in 2017 and by 2021 the threshold to qualify for free tuition will rise to \$125,000. According to Clinton’s website, the plan will cover over 80 percent of American families.

Sixty-four percent of respondents were in favor of providing free-tuition for students whose household-incomes is less than \$125,000.

College Republicans President Robert Guerra said both plans are too ambiguous as of right now to know if they will be affordable, but said he thought Clinton’s plan would increase the federal deficit.

“As far as covering 80 percent of college tuition in full I have no idea what the costs of that would be,” Guerra said. “Given the current state of the deficit, the government needs to engaging in practices that lower expenses.”

Eighty-seven percent of the total survey respondents thought students should be able to pay back their loans on a monthly basis with an affordable percentage of their income. The Chronicle of Higher Education reported on comments Trump made on higher education at a rally on Oct. 13 where he stated he would cap repayment plans at 12.5 percent of a person’s income per month and forgive debt after 15 years of income-based payment. Under the Obama Administration, income-based repayment is capped at 10 percent with debt-forgiveness after 20 years.

Public relations junior Joseph Trahan, University Democrats communications director, said Clinton’s college plan targets taxing the wealthiest of Americans and is an important step in funding programs that benefit the vast majority of Americans.

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Senate, and was passed by Senate Oct. 6. SG President Kevin Helgren said having the support of both groups amplifies the voice of the legislative student assemblies to the University administration.

“We as students often fail to recognize the weight that our voices carry in the eyes of the administration,” Helgren

said. “Having a resolution passed through one of the Legislative Student Organizations is a positive thing, but when you amplify the voice by having all three of the LSOs or even two of them on board will also amplify the impact it could feasibly make. I think the more passionate voices you have rallying behind one cause, the greater and more impactful of a change you’ll be able to make.”

As an underclassman, psychology junior Kristen Macias said the resolution’s intentions are helpful.

“I definitely appreciate the student government trying to do that,” Macias said. “Especially with the past syllabus thing, it’s definitely something I would use. I definitely have thought about that before, and how I wish there was a way to go straight from the website to look at it.”

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that was really helpful,” Schaefer said. “If you just have a spreadsheet template, you still have to go find all the classes and plug them in yourself.”

Coursicle became available to UT students on Monday. Joe Puccio and Tara Aida founded the site in 2012 when they were students registering for classes at the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Harvard University, respectively.

In addition to being linked to UT’s course schedule, Coursicle allows students to connect their account to social media and see what classes their friends are considering. It also lets students create several hypothetical schedules for the same semester.

Aida said the shutdown of MyEdu prompted the site’s

recent expansion to UT.

“We were cognizant that MyEdu was shutting down, so we wanted to add a school where a lot of students were using that service,” Aida said. “We thought [UT] would be a good school to reach out to so students would have some sort of alternative instead of having to go from having this tool that everyone uses, MyEdu, to... having to go back to Excel or paper.”

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specialist at the Austin Police Monitor’s Office, said she deals with complaints about officers from citizens and tries to have both parties come to a mutual understanding.

“Other than one person, the rest have come out and the officer had a clearer understanding of what the people were going through and the people had a clearer understanding of why the officer may have done what they did,” Thomas said. “Crow is a tough bird to eat, but they will come through and they’ll sit down and they’ll have a mutual understanding when they walk out.”

Ryan Sutton, a postdoctoral fellow at the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, moderated the discussion and said education is a critical component to confront these issues.

“It sounds as though there’s a key educational piece there to empower [citizens] to come forward,” Sutton said. “Education is a big key.”

Carl Webb, founder of the North Lamar neighborhood association, at-



Brooke Crim | Daily Texan Staff

Dr. Ryan Sutton asks officer Rafael Kianes and Gay Thomas about their personal history with APD and the people of Austin.

tended the event and said he wishes there was more community representation.

“To have an open and honest dialogue, you invite as many voices that are active in the community as you can,” Webb said. “I’m shocked, surprised that a representative of Black Lives Matter wasn’t here.”

Virginia Cumberbatch, director of UT’s Community Engagement Center, said she reached out and spoke to the president of the local chapter of BLM, but they were not able to attend.

Moving away from the panel format of last year’s

Community Engagement Dialogues, the series features a discussion followed by small groups of community members brainstorming and presenting actions to tackle these issues.

Cumberbatch said the purpose of this event is really to provide time and space for community members to come together to discuss issues among themselves.

“Our hope is that it’s more than conversation and dialogue, but what people really get out of it is an opportunity for collaboration and partnership and action steps,” Cumberbatch said.

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WORLD

# Ph.D. student speaks on rhetoric, voter support

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Uninformed voters are likely to support candidates who have been imprisoned for relevant political reasons, according to the research findings of a government Ph.D. candidate.

Kimberly Guiler, who specializes in comparative politics and methodology, discussed the effects of political sacrifice on voting behavior Tuesday as part of the Turkish Ottoman lecture series.

Guiler’s fieldwork focused mainly on Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. She said Erdogan resonated more with the Turkish people by taking advantage of his 1997 arrest and subsequent imprisonment.

“Erdogan has used this rhetoric, victimizing himself, talking about his experience as a political martyr, ... as somebody who was part of political parties that have been banned and repressed as a way to reach out to voters,” Guiler said.

Guiler said her work focuses on other factors that can affect voter support, such as conspiratorial rhetoric and public crying.

“The broader dissertation work looks at the effects of politicians’ rhetorical and gesture-based cues on voter support,” Guiler said.

Government graduate student Peter Russell asked Guiler after her presentation if she had an explanation for the increased likelihood of voters in support of Islamist candidates to favor a politically oppressed candidate in Turkey.



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Following her lecture on voter support in Turkey, government Ph. D. candidate Kimberly Guiler answers government graduate student Siyun Jiang’s questions regarding public backing of the government in Turkey in comparison to Taiwan.

“You mentioned you saw a greater change when the candidate was Islamist and oppressed versus not Islamist and oppressed,” Russell said. “Did you consider an explanation for why that was the case?”

Guiler said this could be due

to a lack of faith in the Turkish opposition parties.

“In Turkey, everyone refers to the opposition as this ‘hapless’ opposition,” Guiler said. “I think I didn’t see a bump so much with the [Republican People’s Party], because I think

in general people were people down on the CHP”

While interacting with Guiler, government graduate student Siyun Jiang said Taiwan experienced a case similar to Turkey’s.

“In Taiwan ... there is also

a history of oppression in the current leading party,” Jiang said. “I’m not sure whether they are making use of the individual political leader [and] history of the party itself.”

Guiler said the political effect of imprisonment is only

one factor when studying voting tendencies.

“The ideology of the party, its policy positions matter,” Guiler said. “I am trying to introduce another variable that I’m saying we also need to pay attention to.”

HEALTH



Zoe Fu | Daily Texan Staff

Program coordinator for the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Tammy Heinz speaks about the difficulty in opening up about mental health in the Asian-American community on Tuesday.

# UT Asian-Americans convene on mental health challenges

By **Michelle Zhang**  
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Mental health within the Asian-American community is currently a relatively unexplored topic because of a lack of resources and conversation, staff from the Hogg Foundation for Texas Mental Health said Tuesday.

The UT Asian/Asian American Faculty and Staff Association hosted a discussion in the SAC, featuring Tammy Heinz, program coordinator and consumer and family liaison for the foundation.

Heinz initiated the dialogue by asking audience members what they would do if someone came to them shaking with mounting anxiety.

“It’s challenging because most of our minority population are not talking about mental health as much as people in the white community,” Heinz said. “There is not even as much as opportunity for people to be doing that.”

Heinz also pointed out that the lack of conversation about mental health in Asian-American community made it difficult to identify the problem and come up with solutions.

“People often will not reach out for help because of the stigma associated with having mental health problems, and I will also say that internal stigma is huge.

—Tammy Heinz  
Program coordinator

“People often will not reach out for help because of the stigma associated with having mental health problems, and I will also say that internal stigma is huge.” Heinz said. “Personally I experienced that for years, I didn’t want anybody to know, I didn’t want to be labeled weak.”

This discussion attracted more than 30 faculty members, staff and students, and most of them were Asian or Asian-Americans.

“Because of the culture or other stuff, some of us seldom express ourselves,” Ryan Wang, a Chinese media studies graduate student, said. “I will talk to some friends that I’m close to. But if I go to some organizations or talk to counselors, I will feel a little bit weird.”

The lack of experience for some Chinese students to interact with mental health counseling services in their prior education could explain why many are unwilling

to seek professional help, Wang said.

There are limited quality resources intended for this ethnic group, too, according to the National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association. Only 1.5 percent of psychologists, 2 percent of social workers, 0 percent of psychiatric nurses and 0.01 percent of marriage and family therapists are Asian-Americans, Native Hawaiians or Pacific islanders, according to the association.

Reed C. Rallojaj, social event chair of the AAFSA, said the conversation about mental health issues in the Asian-American community is pretty non-existent given the little amount of research and information available on this topic.

“The more opportunity we have to present the challenges regarding this topic, the awareness really helps in terms of improving the status of the topic,” Rallojaj said.



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COLUMN

# Paxton should be held accountable for actions

By Alden Marshall  
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It's a new week in Texas and Republicans are letting us down again — if you can even consider the fringe, Tea Party Attorney General Ken Paxton as part of that motley crew.

After a grand jury in Collin County indicted him on felony securities fraud last year, Paxton has been battling to have the charges dismissed. Earlier this month, he succeeded in having the civil suit against him dismissed. But Paxton will still have to appear in court in 2017 to defend himself against a felony on the same charges after his appeal was denied by the Texas Supreme Court. Ever since the news broke about Paxton's recent struggles, he has been quick to dodge any character attacks and has even gone on the offensive, filing frivolous lawsuits despite the public attention on the sort of private interest ties that would make Donald Trump's appear worthy of sainthood.

In fact, you may be as surprised as I was to learn that Paxton has loaded up his clown car and is now in hot pursuit of the transparency that our government was founded on — the democracy that puts freedom in the hands of all the people and at the end of every checkout line. That's right folks — our so highly-esteemed top litigator is put-

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It's past time for Ken Paxton to stop hiding his shame, incompetence and petty politics behind the veil of plastic bags and vulnerable communities. It's time for Paxton to face his fate in court.

ting his law degree to great use, suing the city of Brownsville over plastic bags.

In 2011, Brownsville passed an ordinance that intended to dissuade the use of plastic bags that frequently pollute the environment and threaten our precious wildlife. That ordinance works to encourage a shift in consumer habits by imposing a one dollar fee at the register for customers who don't have a reusable bag to carry their groceries. Aside from the fact that laws and ordinances similar to Brownsville's have been proven to reduce litter, this lawsuit is just another example of Republicans overriding the local control they so often espouse the importance of to campaign their way to the Capitol.

You would think that with an abysmal approval rating of 38 percent, Paxton would put a stop to his slimy dealings and petty schoolyard tactics. But I guess after encouraging judges to disobey the law

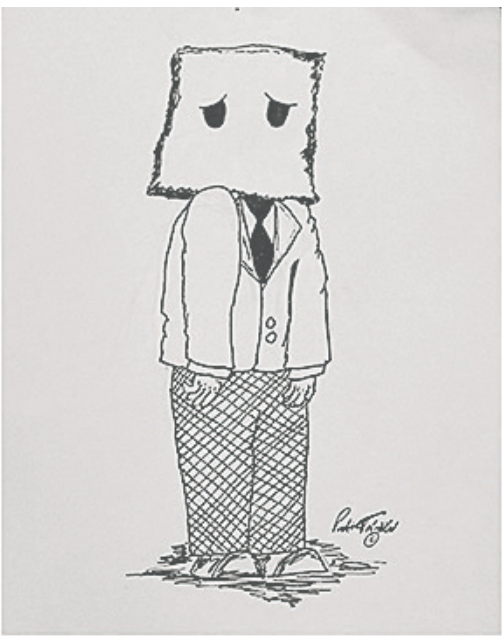


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of the land last summer after the historic marriage equality ruling and launching a crusade against transgender protections, we just can't expect our state's highest office holders to not make a mockery of themselves and our great state.

It's past time for Ken Paxton to stop hiding his shame, incompetence and petty politics behind the veil of plastic bags and vulnerable communities. It's time for Paxton to face his fate in court.

I, for one, will be watching with a lot of popcorn that I carried home from the store in a reusable bag. And look on the bright side, Mr. Paxton. With these new ordinances come requirements for sturdier bags — bags that might actually be able to carry all the garbage you've scraped up over the years.

*Marshall is a government freshman from Mabank, TX.*

COLUMN

# Peoples' vote should be based on policy, not protest

By Emma Berdanier  
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Common rhetoric permeating this election is the “lesser of two evils” argument. Voters, in large part, hold extreme reservations of the major parties' candidates and instead of voting for one, they're voting against the other. But in the case of voters who despise both candidates equally or who are fed up with the system as a whole, instead of sticking with their party or voting for the lesser of two evils, they're voting third party.

The influx of popularity of third party candidates comes not from people who traditionally align themselves with a third party, but from both Democrats and Republicans who are fed up with their party's candidate. More than that, third party voters are attempting to vote their way out of what they perceive to be two equally corrupt parties in a corrupt system. However, a vote for a third party candidate should be cast just as one for a major party candidate — voters should decide based on policy, not because said candidate isn't Trump or Clinton.

One of the third party candidates, Jill Stein, ended her campaign through Texas with a rally at Huston-Tillotson University on Monday. The goal of her campaign is to gain 5 percent of the vote, ensuring the Green Party will appear on the next general election ballot. Given 56 percent of voters dislike Trump and 52 percent dis-

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She's made anti-vaccination remarks and has compared the critique she's received for these remarks to the Birther movement. She's raised concern over the potential negative health effects of using wireless internet, even though the WHO has declared it safe.

like Clinton, it is possible that Stein will get the votes she needs for her party to remain viable.

However, I urge voters not to vote for Stein based on their dislike of Trump and Clinton, or their dissatisfaction of the two-party system as a whole. Instead, they should consider her policies when voting for her.

The Green Party's platform is established on a scientific basis — or so it's advertised. But Stein has repeatedly supported policies that contradict the general consensus of the scientific community. She's made anti-vaccination remarks and has compared the critique she's received for these remarks to the Birther movement. She's raised concern over the potential negative health effects of using wireless internet, even though the WHO has declared it safe. And in her platform, she promises to require GMO product labeling and promises to move America away from GMOs altogether. But the scientific community largely supports GMOs as they use fewer



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Green party candidate Jill Stein speaks at a rally at Huston-Tillotson University. Stein has gained prominence among voters discontent the mainstream presidential candidates.

pesticides and could be a part of the solution to world hunger.

Judging Jill Stein based on her platform and the issues she supports on the campaign trail, she isn't a better option for our country than Clinton or Trump. By voting for her, or any third party candidate, you are effectively throwing your vote away. Third party votes should be made — just as all votes should be made — based on the candidate and their policies, not as an act of protest.

*Berdanier is a philosophy junior from*

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*Boulder, Colorado.*

COLUMN

# Trump's 'rigged' election claim thwarts democracy

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Donald Trump, like a child who learned a new word, has recently accused everything of being “rigged.” The media, to the debate schedule, and the election itself, are according to him, all working against him.

But the hubbub Trump has raised on the possible rigging of the presidential election is more than another example of his typical childish insistence that he can never lose. Trump's conviction that the very political process is rigged against him — and by extension his millions of fervent supporters — is dangerous to the very fabric of American democracy.

An essential component of democracy is the accepted legitimacy of elections. We take for granted that the losers of the election concede to the winners without calling for revolution. Trump's message has preemptively planted doubt in his supporters' minds as to whether or not they will be properly represented. And his rhetoric has had a real impact on the electorate — ac-

cording to a recent poll, 41 percent of voters (including 73 percent of Republicans) believe that the election may be “stolen” from Trump.

There is a solid consensus among academics who study elections that voter fraud is not a threat to the legitimacy of elections. The kind of voter fraud Donald Trump has consistently referred to in his rallies, where voters show up to the voting booth 10 times under different names, is extremely rare. The multitude of people, elected and appointed, who are involved in supervising elections on the state and local levels are all highly trained in detecting voter fraud and make “stealing” an election highly unlikely.

To be fair, there is more room for error in terms of the votes that are not directly supervised by these officials. Absentee ballot fraud, in which people buy or steal mailed ballots, certainly exists. But even this does not happen on a large enough scale to have an actual electoral impact.

Republicans, from campaign lawyers to prominent politicians (including Paul Ryan), have reiterated their faith in the validity of the election. Even so, their long

history of scaring voters to justify reforming voter ID laws in states including Texas to protect for an unfounded fear of fraud have made them vulnerable to Trump's claims.

Donald Trump is not new to the business of making outlandish and unsupported claims. But for all of his attacks on what should be bedrock values of our country (like tolerance for immigrants and cultures, as well as basic respect for women and minorities), by questioning the legitimacy of our elections, he is assaulting something actually fundamental to this country.

Suspecting the other candidate of cheating is by no means a new phenomena. Losers of past elections have certainly flirted with these kinds of suspicions, but have historically stayed silent and called for the nation to unify behind the rightful winner of the election. But Trump, who seems on many occasions unable to accept facts that might force him to deflate his giant ego, is more than capable of egging on the few that would maintain the election was stolen if Trump loses. His dire warnings of a rigged election have reached a fever-pitch

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as of recent, but began as soon as his poll numbers started to slip.

After Nov. 8, it's hard to imagine Trump's supporters going back into the woodwork if he loses — the bigotry and nationalism are here to stay in politics. But if Trump doesn't concede to the legitimacy of the election and discourage his surrogates from calling for “pitchforks and torches” if Hillary wins, we may have an even more difficult path moving forward as a nation.

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GAMES & TECHNOLOGY

UT Counter-Strike team shoots for dominance

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A deafening roar shakes the packed stadium as one team claims victory over their opponents. But instead of celebrating on the basketball court, the victors jump up from computer monitors on a stage.

Such a scene can be found at e-sports tournaments across the globe, and the UT Counter-Strike team aims to get in on the glory. Counter-Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO) is a multiplayer first person shooter (FPS) game, a popular platform for professional competitive video gaming, also known as e-sports. Biology sophomore and team manager Michelle Song created the team, titled Matthew McConaughey Fan Club, within the Longhorn Gaming club last fall. The team placed seventh during last spring's final competition and recently registered for their second season. The new team is led by economics senior Kevin Guo and will compete in this year's playoffs at Dreamhack Austin in the spring.

E-sports have seen explosive growth in recent years. The largest worldwide CS:GO tournament held this summer, the ELEAGUE Season 1 Global Championship in Atlanta, commanded a prize pool of more than

\$1 million. However, not all sectors of the industry have expanded at the same rate. The college CS:GO scene still has room to grow, as the first CSL finals this spring offered a prize pool of \$5,000.

"Last year was the first big year for collegiate CS:GO," Guo said, "The prize pool has grown 10 times from last year."

Guo started playing Counter-Strike in sixth grade, but didn't begin playing competitively until his freshman year of college at Texas A&M. In spring 2016, he transferred to UT and later joined UTCS.

Although some may think e-sports are not legitimate sports, professional players need the same quick analytical skills, focus and mental stamina as their traditionally athletic counterparts. Communication and memorization strategies are especially important in team games like CS:GO.

"You have raw execution," Guo said. "That's reaction time, aim, reflexes. That's a very basic skill. There's also a more cerebral side to the game, which I think is my strength as a leader. I can read the game. If X happens, then I know how to react."

In addition to her duties as team manager, Song works for CSL as the community manager for the Southern region.

"Coming into college, I



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Economics senior Kevin Guo is the leader of a competitive Counter-Strike gaming team on campus. This year they will compete in this year's playoffs at Dreamhack Austin in the spring.

already knew I wanted to be more involved with e-sports or just CS:GO in general," Song said. "I have a really big passion for it. I basically spent my senior year [of high school] playing it all the time. I really like the community of CS:GO. You can actually communicate with people."

Beyond growing the overall Counter-Strike scene, Song hopes to increase female participation and interest in CS:GO and other games on campus.

"It's kind of hard as a girl to play CS:GO because it's a very male-dominated game," Song said. "I'm trying to promote

co-ed teams, and see if we can do a girls' league."

As competitive CS:GO becomes more legitimate and better organized, more opportunities are arising to pursue a full time career in the industry. Collegiate level team members such as Song and Guo are considering whether or not they

want to commit to that path.

"I really enjoy playing CS right now, and I've enjoyed playing it for a long time," Guo said. "Career-wise, that would be really interesting. If that's something that's legitimately possible, and fulfilling personally and financially, then yeah, why not?"

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was there when I got there."

After spending a few more days together, Madrid said Diaz had to leave once more to go back to work in Santiago, Chile. This time, she left him a more specific address.

"A month later he cut his trip short, showed up at my door in Santiago and we never again separated," Diaz said.

A few months later they got married in Chile. Madrid said he faced apprehension from

his family because, unlike Diaz, they hadn't met the person their child was marrying.

"They already knew about her, but they were nevertheless surprised when I called to invite them to the wedding," Madrid said.

The difficulties, Madrid said, came later when he had to adjust to a sedentary life in the big city of Santiago, waiting every day for Diaz to come home from work. After they married, Diaz moved to the U.S. with Madrid so he could complete graduate school.

Once they got here, it was Diaz who had to adjust to a new life, learning the language and the culture of the U.S.

In the end they both left with a graduate degree, a job offer and a lasting marriage, which stemmed from love neither of them expected to find at the Carnival.

"Some of it was her sense of humor. We were both very interested in politics so we had a lot in common, but I wouldn't say it was any one thing," Madrid said. "Sometimes you just know."

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a dick-measuring contest."

According to DuBose, this battle of egos is exacerbated by UTCS's low number of women, who make up only 19 percent of the program. But she said the real obstacles she faces are the gender roles which establish the tech field as strictly masculine.

"I've got an 8-year-old sister who loves Minecraft," DuBose said. "She has a giant Creeper backpack. One time a boy

came up to her and told her 'that's a boy game, you don't really play that.'"

Dubose said gender norms need to be broken early in life in order for girls to learn skills they may need later in life.

"You have to get girls and boys to do the same activities together," DuBose said. "That's where collaboration happens. In real life, you're going to have to work with everyone in the workplace."

Most tech companies are extremely collaborative."

For this reason, DuBose said she thinks diverse hackathons could provide a good opportunity to surmount the stereotypes surrounding coding.

"Work is done in teams, which creates a very collaborative environment," DuBose said. "That's something which is so important to teach the younger generation."

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VOLLEYBALL

Offense looks to stay hot against TCU

By Leah Vann  
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The Longhorns were cruising.

Texas entered a matchup at TCU on Oct. 28, 2015 with a 16-game Big 12 win streak. But the Horned Frogs shocked the Longhorns and snapped the streak in three straight sets. The loss still remains the Longhorns' only Big 12 defeat since 2014.

"I give a lot of credit to TCU," head coach Jerritt Elliott said after the match. "Ultimately, they just wanted it more."

TCU has taken a step back since last year's fourth place conference finish, ranking No. 6 in the Big 12 this year. But the team can still pull off upsets. The team topped then-No. 8 North Carolina in five sets in September.

The Horned Frogs count on their middle blockers for their offensive production. Seniors Natalie Gower and Regan McGuire rank No. 2 and No. 8 in the conference in both hitting percentage and blocks.

Even with two standout players in the middle, Elliott acknowledges TCU's versatility throughout its roster.

"They've been mixing up their lineup so much," Elliott said. "We really have no idea what they're going to put in there. They've been running a 6-2, which has been where we



Sophomore middle blocker Yasmeen Bedart-Ghani recently switched positions from outside hitter, and it's paid dividends offensively for her team. Bedart-Ghani has 17 kills in her last two matches.

Joshua Guerra  
Daily Texan file photo

struggle a little bit. They have three solid hitters."

Texas (14-2, 6-0 Big 12) enters the match coming off a road win against Baylor, where four outside hitters recorded double-digit kills. Freshman Micaya White and junior Ebony Nwanebu led the way with 16 kills a piece. The duo helped senior setter Chloe Collins finish her sixth match with at least 50 assists this season.

"I think just having those type of weapons makes my job just a lot more easier and a lot more fun," Collins said, "Just knowing I can set either

one of them and they will put the ball away and be a forced to be reckoned with."

The Longhorns also made some much-needed strides on defense. Texas out-blocked Baylor 16-3 as senior defensive specialist Nicole Dalton and junior libero Cat McCoy both finished with double-digit digs.

"Offensively, our numbers have been really good," Elliott said. "Defensively, they haven't really been matching years' past. And Baylor was the first time we did a really nice job with that."

Texas attributes some of its

recent defensive emergence to sophomore Yaasmeen Bedart-Ghani, who recently switched from outside hitter to middle blocker. In the past two matches, Bedart-Ghani has racked up a team-high 11 total blocks, an efficient .593 hitting percentage and 17 kills.

"We just kind of tested it out and we didn't know how I was going to do there," Bedart-Ghani said. "I don't think I've played middle since like eighth grade, but thankfully it's working."

Texas eyes its sixth-straight Big 12 title. But the team isn't

looking too far ahead.

Conference matches have been more challenging for the Longhorns in 2016 compared to recent years, with two of their last three matches going to five sets. Now they look to take it one game at a time, starting with TCU at home on Wednesday.

"The regular season can't get complacent," Collins said. "Our coaches do a great job of reminding us you shouldn't have that feeling. It's a fight every single day to get better because when it does become tournament time, there's no time to waste."

CROSS COUNTRY

Rogers, Uhr ready to lead Texas to title

By Maria Cowley  
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The Longhorns liken the Penn State Open to a dress rehearsal.

The event, where both the men and the women finished No. 5, served as a preview for the upcoming Big 12 Championship on Oct. 29. And one conference team heading home with a target on its back.

Oklahoma State, whose men's team won first place at the meet, swept the conference championship in 2015. While the women won for the first time in school history, the men have established a comfortable eight-year winning streak.

Now, the Longhorns aim to break it.

"OSU will always be the top team to beat," assistant coach Brad Herbst said. "Last year they hosted the championship, so they had a clear advantage. No one else knew what the course ran like, but OSU knew it like the back of their hand."

This year, the conference championship will take place on an unfamiliar course in Lubbock. And with a competition free of

home-course advantage, the Longhorn men are confident they can compete against anyone — even the Cowboys.

"Our team is better than last year," senior Robert Uhr said. "We have everyone coming back minus two runners. I've prepared myself during track season for this and I believe 100 percent that I'm physically fit enough to accomplish this goal."

Several of the men, including Uhr, have gotten a taste of winning a Big 12 championship. The track and field team won the title this past spring, sparking a desire to double up with a cross country championship.

"This one means more," sophomore Alex Rogers said. "The men's team has never once won a Big 12 cross country championship. I want to be in the history books when they talk about who lead the charge for the first of many victories."

For the women, the competition is wide open. Three Big 12 teams finished within 30 points of each other at the Penn State Open. Oklahoma State crossed third followed



Zoe Fu | Daily Texan file photo

Sophomore Alex Rogers, left, has finished near the front for Texas in many key races this season. He hopes to lead his team to a conference championship in Lubbock Oct. 29.

by West Virginia and Texas in fourth and fifth respectively. The Longhorns hope to build off the close finish and take the next step next time they take the course.

"The biggest challenge will be taking into account the different race styles," senior Mary Beth Hamilton said. "But we definitely have a standout leader in Sandie [Raines], followed

by a tight pack of solid runners, which is crucial. Hopefully it's a separating factor for us."

Both Texas teams pride themselves on their chemistry. Throughout the season, they've focused on working together on the course, running in a tight group and minimizing the gap between first and fifth.

Now they hope the

close-knit mentality will lift them to their first Big 12 championship.

"I have to trust my training, my team, and my coach," Rogers said. "I believe that no matter how well or how poorly I do that my team will be there doing their job, and I trust them enough to know that they won't go down without a fight."

WOMEN'S GOLF

Volker shines as Longhorns finish third

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Texas faced improbable odds entering the final round of the Betsy Rawls Invitational at the UT Golf Club Tuesday.

Sitting 14 strokes behind after the first two rounds of competition, the Longhorns charged back to within three shots of the lead. The team shot a 282 in the closing round, the second best of all 14 teams competing.

However, the valiant comeback fell short as Texas finished third in the tournament. Still, head coach Ryan Murphy said he learned a lot about his team's competitiveness at the event.

"We kind of dug ourselves a hole in round two," Murphy said. "But the effort today was spectacular."

“There’s a lot of offensive ability there. They’ve brought a great energy to our team.”

—Emilee Hoffman,  
Freshman women’s golfer

Freshman duo Greta Volker and Emilee Hoffman led the stamped Tuesday afternoon, both shooting 68 in the final round. Volker finished tied for fifth at two under par, one of eight women to finish the tournament in red figures. Hoffman carded a tournament total of one over par, tied for ninth.

"Greta and Emilee are simply not afraid to go low and shoot low scores," Murphy



Senior Julia Beck finished just outside the top-10 in the Besty Rawls Invitational. She looks for a better finish this weekend in Las Vegas.

Joshua Guerra  
Daily Texan Staff

said. "They've brought a great energy to our team."

The two freshmen were followed by senior Julia Beck, who finished tied for No. 11 and 2-over for the three rounds. Senior Haley Mills wasn't far behind at No. 13 with a

3-over-par performance.

Texas' golfers said the team's effort gives them confidence going forward despite falling just short.

"Our team this year has had a really great season and we've definitely taken our game to

the next level and we're ready to compete," Hoffman said.

The Longhorns face a quick turnaround, beginning their next tournament on Sunday at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown at Boulder Creek Golf Club.

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“A lot of stuff that used to bother me don’t even phase me anymore.”

TODAY IN HISTORY

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Maurice “Rocket” Richard scores his 500th career NHL goal, becoming the first player to ever do so.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Gilbert, Buechele lead high-powered offense

Offensive coordinator Sterlin Gilbert met with the media on Tuesday following Texas' 27-6 win over Iowa State last week. The Longhorns' signal caller spoke on his relationship with quarterback Shane Buechele and noted the difficulties of facing Kansas State's defense.

Gilbert has formed a strong bond with his freshman quarterback through the season's first six weeks. The two have led an offense that averages over 38 points per game — the highest of head coach Charlie Strong's tenure.

The first-year coordinator said Buechele's progression partly stems partly from his calm demeanor.

"[Buechele] stays calm and stays steady with what we're trying to do offensively," Gilbert said. "That's really huge for him considering his age and lack of experience."

But Buechele will face a tough task on Saturday as the Longhorns head to Manhattan, Kansas, to face the Wildcats. Kansas State sports one of the Big 12's top defenses, ranking No. 2 in the conference in total defense. Texas' attack must play mistake-free to lift the burnt orange to their first win in Manhattan since 2002.

"They're stingy. They're good up front," Gilbert said. "Those kids are coached up and they're a good football team."

Running back D'Onta Foreman also addressed the media coming off his 30-carry, 136-yard performance against the Cyclones on Saturday. The junior has emerged as one of the nation's premier backs. He leads the Big 12 in rushing by over 200 yards and has notched eight touchdowns.

Still, Foreman said he has room for improvement, specifically fumbling, after losing the ball two weeks in a row.

"I've [got to] protect the football better than I've done," Foreman said. "That's the biggest thing. I carry the ball kind of loose sometimes."

—Michael Shapiro



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1 Gamer's representation

7 "We choose to go to the moon" speech giver, informally

10 Wines said to go well with steak

14 Make do

15 Granola morsel

16 Emollient source

17 Wrangled

18 Words on a pink cigar band

20 Losing effort?

21 Cacophony

23 "Money talks," e.g.

24 Fish that may be jellied or smoked

25 With 36-Across, what this puzzle features, literally

28 Give \_\_\_ go

29 Gas or water

31 College player, e.g.

33 Yemeni capital

34 A vital sign

35 "Wee" fellow

36 See 25-Across

38 Japanese masked drama

41 Respected tribesman

43 Faux money

45 Appear gradually, on film

47 It occurs twice in "chalk talk"

49 Miracle-\_\_\_ (garden care brand)

50 Organization that honored those referenced in the 25-/36-Across, with "the"

52 "Bingo!"

53 Angels' instruments

55 Camcorder brand

56 "How \_\_\_ Your Mother"

57 En route

60 "O tempora! O mores!" orator

62 Whole bunch

63 The whole shebang

64 Willing to try

65 Trueheart, Dick Tracy's sweetheart

66 Bit of hope, in an expression

67 U.S. general who was a pentathlete in the 1912 Olympics

DOWN

1 Mozart's middle name

2 Wine from a single type of grape

3 Jolie of "Maleficent"

4 Ready to snap, maybe

5 Match.com datum

6 Website with "Ask Me Anything" interviews

7 Like some custody or tax returns

8 Budgetary excess

9 Jewelers' purity measures; Abbrev.

10 Ravi Shankar's music

11 Magic potion

12 Triangular chip

13 March locale of note

19 Cries from a flock

22 Very standoffish

25 Actress Zadora

26 "One," in a coin motto

27 Auditor's hope

30 Put on, as cargo

32 2016 running mate

34 72, on many courses

36 Savings acct. protector

37 Sofer of "General Hospital"

39 The jaguar on a Jaguar's hood, e.g.

40 Thus far

42 Paper for a pad

43 Like a fox

44 It's smaller than a company

45 New Caledonia is a territory of it

46 Major vessels

47 Brief time, in brief

48 Sgt. Friday's introduction

49 Quickie Halloween costume

51 In a deadpan manner

54 Degr. for many professors

56 "Law & Order: SVU" co-star

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WEST CAMPUS

Prescription drug use spikes in West Campus

By Stephen Acevedo  
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Editor's note: Student names have been changed for the sake of privacy.

When he came to college, business junior Wes Mantooth was nothing more than a casual marijuana smoker. But when he saw how much fun everyone around him seemed to be having using harder drugs, he upgraded. Now, he uses any combination of cocaine, Xanax, hydrocodone or Adderall at least three days out of the school week and throughout the entire weekend.

"Coming to college, study drugs, downers and cocaine become much easier to find," Mantooth said. "In a place like West Campus, it's not something you really need to seek out. It finds you, and at a certain point, dealers are flat out throwing themselves at you competing for your business."

According to a statistic from University Health Services, the second most used drugs are prescription drugs behind marijuana. The most at-risk demographics include: males, Caucasians, students affiliated with fraternities and sororities, students at competitive four-year institutions, those with higher family incomes and those with declining GPAs. Fifty-eight percent of students users get prescription drugs from their peers and are attracted to them because they are relatively cheap, easy to access and perceived as safe.

UTPD Officer Robert Land said he is aware of an increase in student reports of prescription drug abuse and availability, but that doesn't come as a surprise. The de-



Jacky Tovar | Daily Texan Staff

partment continuously monitors drug trends around the country in order to prepare for them on campus.

When it comes to drug culture, Land said the best thing students can do is consider the risks that come with drug use.

"You've made a significant investment, as far as time and money, into your future," Land said. "But if you've got a felony conviction, a lot of that investment is put in jeopardy. So respect the investment you've made

in yourself and your future."

Although UT requires students take a drug and alcohol safety course before enrolling, Mantooth said he thinks the University could do a better job promoting drug safety.

"I think a lot of students start using drugs like cocaine and Xanax without realizing what kind of effects they can have on their bodies," Mantooth said. "I think the drug and alcohol safety education here should come more from a place of 'These are real dangers and we have

the resources on campus to help you if you think you have a problem."

Mantooth said he occasionally worries about eventually having to put an end to his drug habit.

"I'd like to believe I could stop if I wanted to," Mantooth said. "That being said, it's something I think about a lot and it does concern me that I can't say it with 100 percent confidence."

Mantooth said he hasn't attempted to stop yet because of the West Campus party

culture he's immersed in.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find a gathering anywhere in this area with upwards of five people that does not have some form of substance," Mantooth said.

While some students use hard drugs for enjoyment, others have already had to face the problem of dependency. Business sophomore Bill Walker said he had to learn about the adverse effects of prescription drugs the hard way.

"I used to do a lot of Xanax," Walker said. "Then I

tried to stop and realized that you get withdrawals, [which] were fucking shitty. I don't even want to talk about it."

Although he admitted there is undoubtedly a drug problem in West Campus, he doesn't think the situation is different from other colleges in the country.

"Anywhere you go to college, you're going to be faced with similar opportunities," Walker said. "You're going to have more free time than ever before to get into trouble."

DATING

Professors find love at Brazilian Carnival



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Paloma Diaz and Raul Madrid were born countries apart, but it only took one Brazilian carnival in Bahia to bring them together.

"Sometimes you just know," Madrid said. "I remember in Rio when we were together with my friend Mike from the Peace Corps, I turned to Mike and said, 'Maybe I should bring this one back with me to the United States.' It was a joke but ... it wasn't really a joke."

Today, Latin American studies program director Paloma Diaz and government and Mexican American studies professor Raul Madrid have settled down in Austin with their family. But the memories of their backpacking days live on in the story of how they met.

Madrid had been traveling with the Peace Corps, and his only long-term plan was to return to the U.S. for

graduate school. However, when he walked through Diaz's open door in a small backpacker hotel in Brazil one day, everything changed.

Neither of them were Brazilian and after realizing they were both visiting the country, they got lost in conversation in Spanish. Afterwards, they spent several days at Carnival together, but soon parted ways. In hopes of seeing each other again, Diaz drew a vague map on a small piece of paper describing where she would be staying next in Rio.

"I drew the map without names of streets or anything, and he found me three days later in Rio," Diaz said. "You never expect to find love at Carnival, but we did from day one."

Using only a few street names written on the map to guide him, Madrid spent over an hour trying to find Diaz. She had drawn a beach, a mountain and a juice store on the map.

"The problem was, in Rio every corner has a juice bar, so it was very hard to track her down," Madrid said. "I went to those big streets and I started asking around before I found [the place she was staying] and I was fortunate enough that she

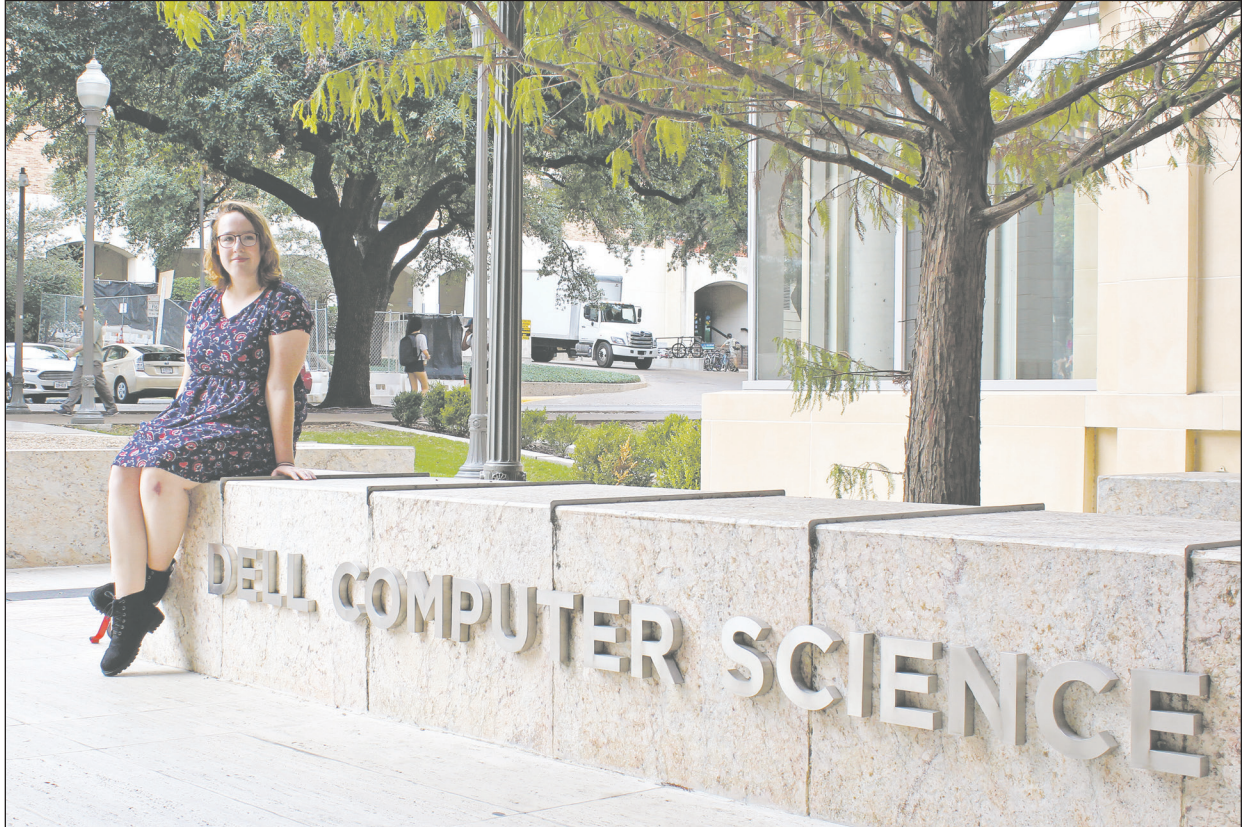
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UT professors Paloma Diaz and Raul Madrid found love at a carnival in Brazil and live together in Austin.

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Computer science senior Mia DuBose wants to break through the gender norms and make it easier for younger generations to work past gender discrimination.

Hackathon promotes diversity in coding

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Computer science sophomore Brianna Vargas hadn't experienced gender discrimination until her first hackathon, when the three male students in her group callously brushed off contributions from her and her female friend.

"They literally shooed us away," Vargas said. "They were getting mad because they just wanted to win prizes, but that wasn't really the point of the event. It was to get experience, learn and work in groups."

Holly Gibson, the founder of Women Who Code Austin, is trying to change discriminatory attitudes like this through events such as their annual Diversity

Hackathon. When she and her co-founder realized the lack of minorities in hackathon events around Austin, they decided to organize one that was free and geared toward beginners during fall of last year.

"We wanted to make an event where everyone would be welcome to come," Gibson said.

This year's Diversity Hackathon, which begins Friday and runs through Sunday, will be the event's second anniversary and is set to host more than twice the number of people it did last year. Gibson said she's most excited to see what people create this weekend.

"When you have more diverse teams, you're going to build stronger applica-

tions, be more profitable," Gibson said. "The different backgrounds help teams to solve problems."

Gibson illustrated this statement by mentioning a mistake made by Google last summer, when some of their recognition software categorized black people as monkeys because the coders hadn't scanned enough pictures of people of color for their program to know the difference.

"Coding faces many problems like this," Gibson said. "But they could be fixed by expanding the number of different backgrounds in the field."

Computer science senior Mia DuBose agrees that people need to break the limits on diversity in coding, but said that often,

"it's hard to take that first step," DuBose is a member of Women in Computer Science (WiCS), a group that also promotes the inclusion of women in computer science. The organization aims to achieve this through programs such as the Nell Dale Mentor Program, in which DuBose serves as a student mentor.

"I think the reason there's so few girls is because of the stereotype that it's a guy's thing," DuBose said. "You go into class and it's very hard because there are all these guys who seem a lot more confident. There are guys who will ask questions to show off, especially during freshman year. It's like

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